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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC.

I am an extremely happy Sonic Gigabit Fiber customer in San Francisco. It has been brought to my attention that you are considering updating regulations to remove access to unbundled network elements, as originally established in the 1996 Telecommunications Act.

I would encourage you to reconsider this decision, as providing access to unbundled network elements has increased competition and affordable access to telecommunication services throughout the country, as intended.

Before signing up for Sonic Gigabit Fiber service, I paid significantly higher per month for only 50mbps download and 10mbps upload speeds. Now, with Sonic, I have 1000mbps upload and download speeds, and for a lower monthly cost. The industries of the future (Artificial Intelligence, Internet of Things, Biotech) all depend on ubiquitous access to fast and reliable Internet connections. Overturning regulations that have enabled such access would be harmful to the growth of our country, and contrary to all 4 of the FCC's stated strategic goals:

- 1) Strategic Goal #1 Promoting Economic Growth and National Leadership
- 2) Strategic Goal #2 Protecting Public Interest Goals
- 3) Strategic Goal #3 Making Networks Work for Everyone
- 4) Strategic Goal #4 Promoting Operational Excellence

I will also take the opportunity to remind the FCC and its leadership that its purpose is NOT to protect the interests of a small group of large corporations, but rather, to serve the public good and to "promote the expansion of competitive telecommunications networks, which are a vital

component of technological innovation and economic growth and help to ensure that the U.S. remains a leader in providing its citizens opportunities for economic and educational development."

In short, I insist that regulations that provide access to unbundled network elements remain in place. This will allow for more competition, greater access, and continued innovation in the telecommunication industry.

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